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1. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A FIVE-MEMBER TEAM WILL BEGIN TALKS IN MOSCOW ON MAY 16 "IN A MOVE TO BROADEN JAMAICA'S FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS". THE TEAM IS LED BY DERRICK HEAVEN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE, AND INCLUDES BEN CLARE, JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, DR. NORMAN GIRVAN, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY, DR. LOUIS LINDSEY OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL MOBILIZATION, AND JOHN PICKERSGILL, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DIVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE TALKS WILL BE IN PREPARATION FOR A MINISTERIAL MISSION TO MOSCOW; FOREIGN MINISTER P J PATTERSON IS TO LEAD THAT MISSION. THE TEAM LED BY HEAVEN IS TO DISCUSS "MATTERS RELATING TO TRADE AND ECONOMIC AND  
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TECHNICAL COLLABORATION."

2. COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS ANTI-CLIMATIC. PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY ANNOUNCED IN HIS JAN 19 SPEECH ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS (REF A) THAT A MISSION TO MOSCOW WAS BEING ORGANIZED TO EXPLORE TRADE POSSIBILITIES. IN HIS APRIL 22 ADDRESS ON THE EMERGENCY

PRODUCTION PLAN, MANLEY SAID THAT "TRADE MISSIONS TO (THE SOVIET UNION AND COMECON COUNTRIES) ARE PROCEEDING ON A EXPLORATORY BASIS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS AND ON A FULLY FLEDGED MINISTERIAL BASIS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER." (SEE REF B)

3. THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM AROUSES GREATER INTEREST. HEAVEN IS UNSURPRISING AS LEADER, GIVEN HIS JOB, BUT WE REMEMBER HIM WELL FOR HIS TIES WITH THE CUBANS, WHO HE FOUND MOST IMPRESSIVE. CLARE, LONG BUSY IN KEEPING LINKS TO MOSCOW IN GOOD ORDER FROM HAVANA, IS A NATURAL FOR INCLUSION. PICKERSGILL IS ALONG TO DO THE KIND OF DONKEY-WORK WHICH WILL BE INEVITABLE. BUT IT IS THE PRESENCE OF NORMAN GIRVAN AND LOUIS LINDSEY, FRESH FROM THEIR DEBACLE AS LEADING PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE UN-REALISTIC FIRST DRAFT OF THE EMERGENCY PRODUCTION PLAN, WHO CATCH THE EYE. WE ASSUME THAT THEY ARE INCLUDED EVERY BIT AS MUCH TO ASSUAGE THE RADICALS WITHIN THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) AND THEIR NON-PNP ASSOCIATES ON THE LEFT AS TO PROMOTE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WE ARE TOLD THAT GIRVAN HAS BEEN FEELING VERY DEPRESSED SINCE THE PLAN HE COORDINATED WAS SCRAPPED, AND WE ASSUME THAT LINDSEY HAS REACTED SIMILARLY. THE TRIP GETS THEM OUT OF TOWN AND INTO A CLIMATE THEY MAY FIND MORE FELICITIOUS. CERTAINLY GIRVAN, WHOM WE HAVE LEARNED REFUSED CATEGORICALLY TO ACCOMPANY FINANCE MINISTER COORE ON THE LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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TWO WEEKS AGO FOR AN IBRD MEETING AND A BRIEF WORD WITH THE IMF, MUST FIND IT MORE TO HIS LIKING. SO, TOO, MUST LINDSEY. NAMED A MEMBER OF THE JAMAICAN SIDE IN THE RECENT JOINT US-JAMAICAN TALKS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, LINDSEY NEVER APPEARED FOR A SINGLE MEETING.

4. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE EARLY INDICATIONS OF ECONOMIC LINKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, ALTHOUGH THEIR CHARACTER AND EXTENT MUST AWAIT ASSESSMENT. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE STAFF OF THE RECENTLY-OPENED SOVIET EMBASSY IS ABOUT TO BE INCREASED BY ANOTHER FIVE PERSONS (THREE MEN AND THEIR APPARENTLY WIVES). SINCE CHARGE LOGINOV TOLD OUR CONSUL GENERAL THAT THE INITIAL SEVEN-MEMBER STAFF (WHICH IN ADDITION TO LOGINOV INCLUDED FOUR MEN AND TWO WORKING WIVES) WAS NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT SOME AMONG THE ADDITIONAL STAFF WILL TAKE ON ECONOMIC

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